

An Open Strategy for the Acquisition of Models and Simulations

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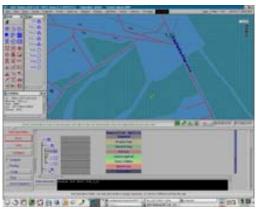
Not about the use of simulation for acquisition but rather the acquisition of simulation itself.

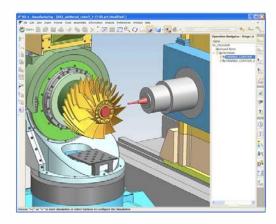
- Estimates of DoD M&S acquisition expenditures range from \$9B to \$15B annually.
- Almost exclusively a proprietary software industry segment.
- Why? Is this good for DoD? Can we do better?



What do these have in common?





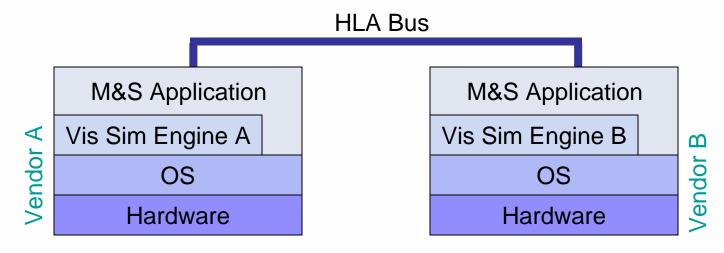


A lot actually ... rendering, devices, networking, etc.

Current practice

First Application

Second Application



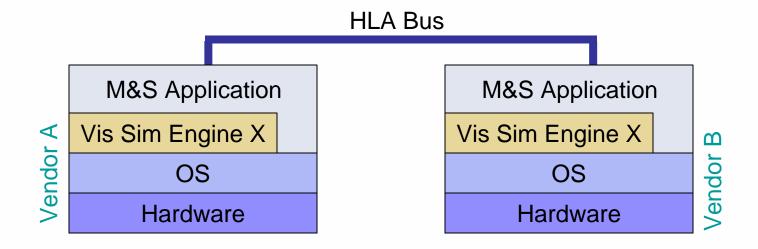


Application Level Reusability = 0

A (slightly) better way

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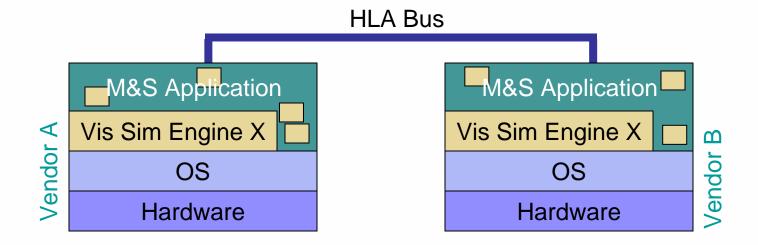
Reused code



A (slightly) even better way

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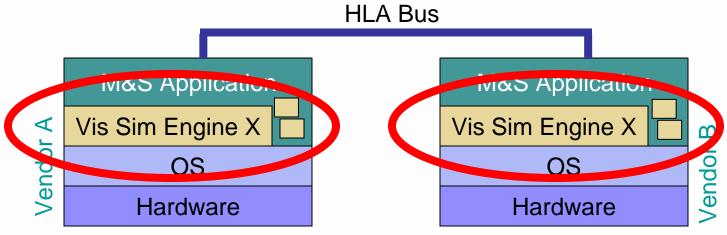
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Still not so great ...

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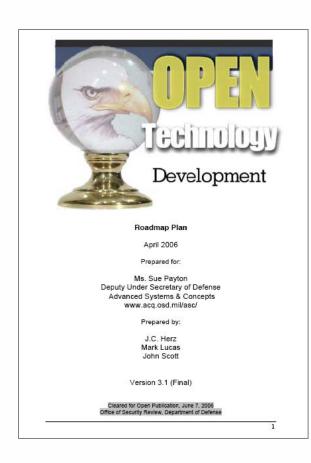
Second Application



Recurring license fees "Locked in" to Engine X

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Is open source a candidate solution?



- Recommends the adoption (or full consideration) of OSS in DoD software acquisition.
- Still lacking in policy about government contribution to OSS.



Why OSS?

Available funding

Service, Maintenance, Upgrades

Applications

Proprietary features

Core functions

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Proprietary features

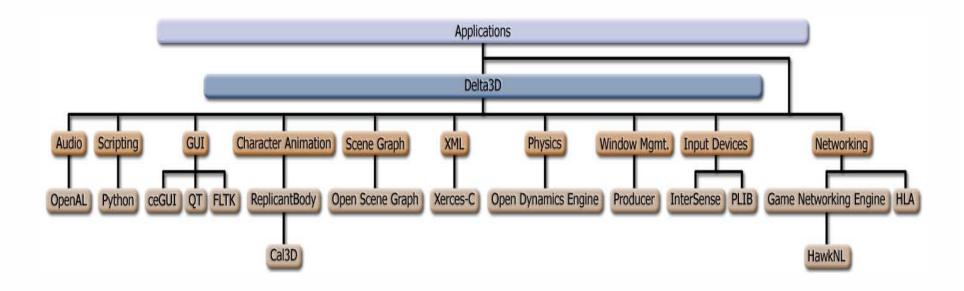
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Four design tenets



- Keep everything open to avoid lock-ins and increase flexibility
- Make it multi-genre since we never know what app it's going to have to support next
- 3. Make it modular so we can swap anything out as technologies mature at different rates
- 4. Build a community (or leverage existing ones) so the military doesn't have to pay all the bills

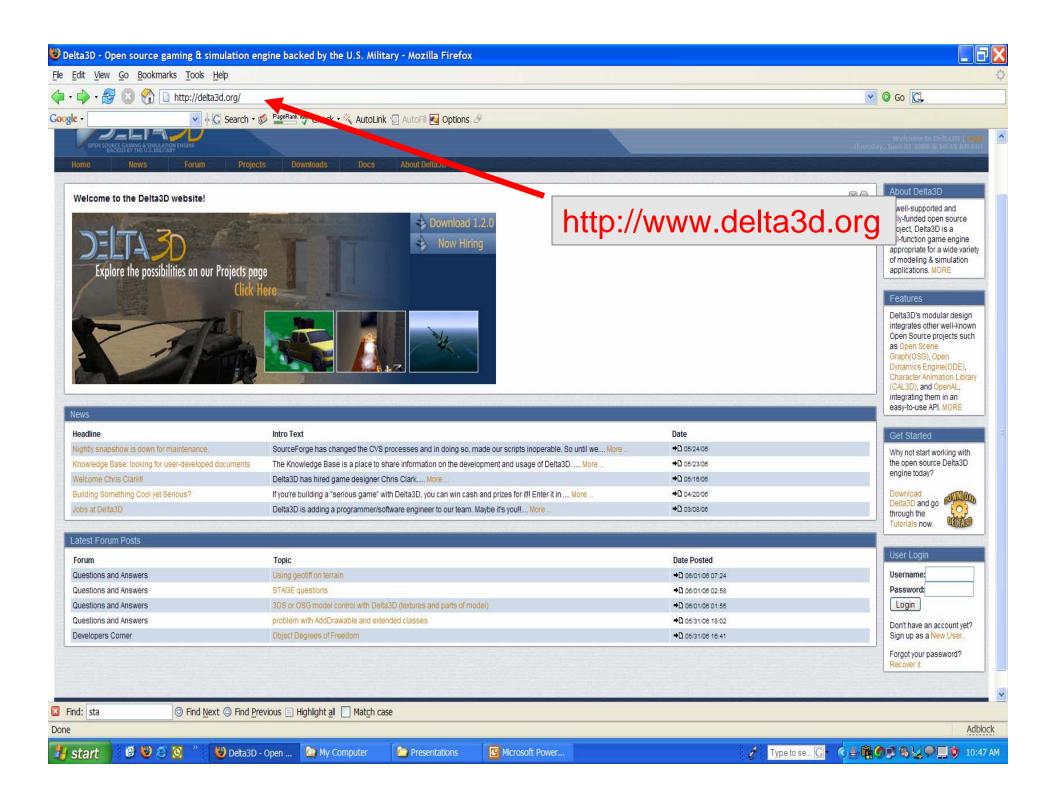
Detailed breakdown



Over 90% of the source code was written by someone else, not paid for by the government.

Full development environment





Did we meet our goals?

... almost, but not quite.

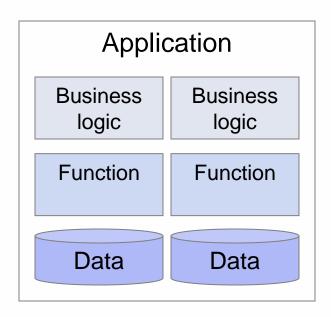


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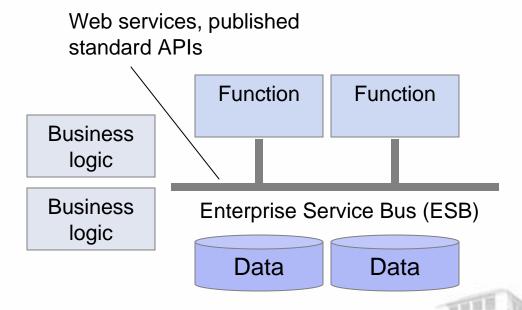
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An even better way



From monolithic ...

Service Oriented Architecture

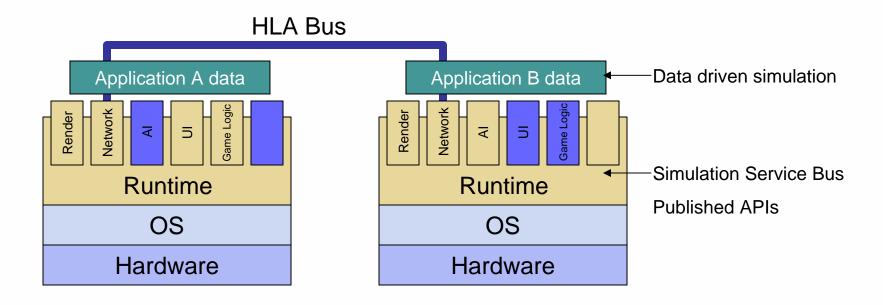


... to distributed.

Why SOA?

- Way more flexible
- Faster implementation (once infrastructure is in place)
- Maximize reuse
- Create a MARKET for your business
- Will never work (in its literal form) for real-time simulation
- Web services are too slow ... but I want all this stuff

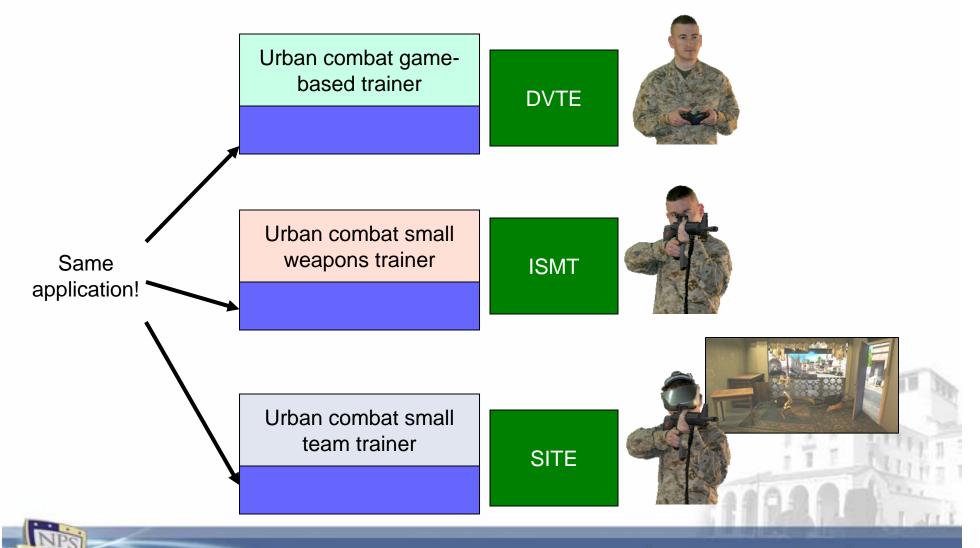
A "real time" SOA for simulation



Government owned
Open source
Proprietary



A test case for USMC infantry training



Take aways ...

- Open source has a place in Defense Modeling and Simulation
- Open source encourages vendor innovation by concentrating effort on what's new
- DoD must architect simulation frameworks to create a marketplace for our business
- This helps build the commercial defense simulation industry
- Reusability is key
- We want what an SOA offers ... but we need it in real time.

Thank you for your attention



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